

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CUSTOMER NO. 22927

Applicants: Walker *et al.*
Application No.: 09/218,085
Filed: December 28, 1998
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VENDING PRODUCTS

Attorney Docket No.: 98-038

Group Art Unit: 3624
Examiner: Thu Thao Havan

RESPONSE
to the Non-final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, (imposing a Restriction Requirement and having a Shortened Statutory Period for Reply of one (1) month from the mailing date of the Non-Final Office Action), please consider the following remarks.